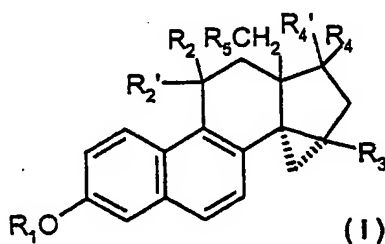


**In the Specification:**

**Please make the following changes:**

Pages 1 & 2, paragraph extending from page 1, line 19, to page 2, line 2:

According to the invention, this objective is ~~reached~~ attained by forming equilenin derivatives of general formula (I)



wherein

R<sub>1</sub> denotes a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-alkyl group, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-acyl group or a benzoyl group,

R<sub>2</sub> denotes a hydrogen atom and R'<sub>2</sub> denotes ~~a hydrogen atom, a~~  
a fluorine atom, a hydroxyl group or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-acyloxy group or R<sub>2</sub> and R'<sub>2</sub> together denote an oxo group,

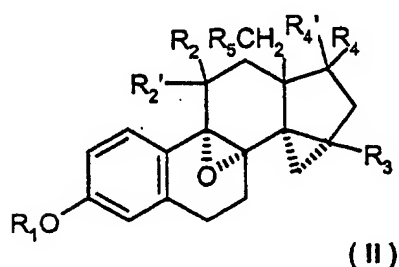
R<sub>3</sub> denotes a hydrogen atom or a methyl group,

R<sub>4</sub> denotes a hydrogen atom and R'<sub>4</sub> denotes a hydroxyl group or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>11</sub>-acyloxy group or R<sub>4</sub> and R'<sub>4</sub> together denote an oxo group, a

methylene group, a halomethylene group or a dihalomethylene group  
and  $R_5$  denotes a hydrogen atom or a methyl group.

Page 5, first full paragraph, from line 4 to line 15:

The cyclopropano steroids of general formula II



wherein

$R_1$  denotes a hydrogen atom, a  $C_1$ - $C_5$ -alkyl group, a  $C_1$ - $C_5$ -acyl group  
or a benzoyl group,

$R_2$  denotes a hydrogen atom and  $R'_2$  denotes ~~a hydrogen atom, a~~  
a fluorine atom, a hydroxyl group or a  $C_1$ - $C_5$ -acyloxy group or  $R_2$  and  
 $R'_2$  together denote an oxo group,

$R_3$  denotes a hydrogen atom or a methyl group,

$R_4$  denotes a hydrogen atom and  $R'_4$  denotes a hydroxyl group or a  
 $C_1$ - $C_{11}$ -acyloxy group or  $R_4$  and  $R'_4$  together denote an oxo group, a

methylene group, a halomethylene group or a dihalomethylene group  
and

R<sub>5</sub> denotes a hydrogen atom or a methyl group,  
are new and have previously not been described.

Page 5, second full paragraph, from line 16 to line 26:

Particularly preferred, are, for example, the following cyclopropano  
steroids:

1) ~~3-methoxy-14 $\alpha$ ,15 $\alpha$ -methylene-8 $\alpha$ ,9 $\alpha$ -oxidoestra-1,3,5(10)-  
trien-17 $\alpha$ -ol,~~

2) ~~3-methoxy-14 $\alpha$ ,15 $\alpha$ -methylene-8 $\alpha$ ,9 $\alpha$ -oxidoestra-1,3,5(10)-  
trien-17 $\alpha$ -yl acetate,~~

3) ~~3-methoxy-14 $\alpha$ ,15 $\alpha$ -methylene-8 $\alpha$ ,9 $\alpha$ -oxidoestra-18 $\alpha$ -  
homoestra-1,3,5(10)-trien-17 $\alpha$ -yl propionate,~~

4) ~~14 $\alpha$ ,15 $\alpha$ -methylene-8 $\alpha$ ,9 $\alpha$ -oxidoestra-1,3,5(10)-trien-3,17 $\alpha$ -diyl  
diacetate,~~

5) ~~3-methoxy-15 $\beta$ -methyl-14 $\alpha$ ,15 $\alpha$ -methylene-8 $\alpha$ ,9 $\alpha$ -oxidoestra-  
1,3,5(10)-trien-17 $\beta$ -ol,~~

6) 1) 11 $\alpha$ -hydroxy-3-methoxy-14 $\alpha$ ,15 $\alpha$ -methylene-8 $\alpha$ ,9 $\alpha$ -oxidoestra-

1,3,5(10)-trien-17 $\alpha$ -yl acetate,

~~7)~~2) 3-methoxy-14 $\alpha$ ,15 $\alpha$ -methylene-8 $\alpha$ ,9 $\alpha$ -oxidoestra-1,3,5(10)-

trien-11 $\alpha$ ,17 $\alpha$ -diyl diacetate and

~~8)~~3) 3-methoxy-11 $\alpha$ -hydroxy-8 $\alpha$ ,9 $\alpha$ -oxido-14 $\alpha$ ,15 $\alpha$ -methylenestra-

1,3,5(10)-trien-17 $\beta$ -yl acetate.